

while Archer does all the catching. We think this rumor is bunk. No one except Murphy and President Ebbs of Brooklyn are in a position to speak of the deal, and both bosses deny it. That is natural, but we believe they are telling the truth this time.

It is true Bresnahan has done little but work with the pitchers in practice. And, also, his salary and bonus amount to \$12,500 a year. That's some money, but Bresnahan has done good work with the erratic pitchers, bringing out Reulbach and Humphries, and helping Pierce considerably.

If Bresnahan goes, where will the Cubs get off should Archer be hurt. Needham and Heckinger are the other members of the catching staff. Needham was a good catcher once. Rube Waddell was also a good pitcher a few years ago. Right now Needham would be a joke as a regular behind the bat. He hasn't speed, can't hit, and if he thinks in a game as he does on the coaching lines, his body from the shoulders down will be the only part of him in the game. Outside of that there is no fault to find. These things are all known, but because Tom is a "good fellow" some people are saying he would make good as a regular catcher. Heckinger is too young and inexperienced and can't hit.

Al Bridwell laid down a beautiful sacrifice yesterday when it was needed. We thank him.

Keep the hammers of Heinie Zim. The German third baseman is hitting no was hard as he ever did, and his fielding is also improving. If the fans will let Heinie alone he will come around and be the same clouter of old. Close observation shows that he is getting most of his hits now on regular man's sized line drives that shoot at high speed to the outfield.

According to reports from the front, the Sox are again failing to hit in the pinches. This fault was

very apparent in their first home games this season, but once on the road Callahan's battlers seemed to get the bingles when they were needed. Failure to get much out of their attack yesterday caused their defeat at Washington and tumbled them to fourth place. If the openings had been taken advantage of,



Heinie Zimmerman.

Washington's late rally would have fallen short.

Ping Bodie again. In the second inning Ping walked, and Mattick, who is clouting like a demon, blasted a hit to center on which he could have taken three bases. The lumbering Bodie, however, was only